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**Latest issue of *South Dakota History* features early lawyers, Catholic bishop**

PIERRE, S.D.—The faces of pioneers in law and religion gaze out from the pages of the Fall 2012 issue of *South Dakota History*, the journal of the South Dakota State Historical Society.

In her article “Awake to all the needs of our day’: Early Women Lawyers in South Dakota,” Lisa R. Lindell (linn-DELL) introduces 20 women who broke the “glass ceiling” and earned the right to practice law in Dakota Territory and South Dakota in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The article explores their diverse backgrounds and describes how they reacted to the pressures that society placed on women who pursued careers.

Joe P. Kirby tells a different kind of legal story in “The Case of the German Socialist Farmers: Joe Kirby Challenges the Espionage Act of 1917.” During World War I, the author’s great-grandfather, a Sioux Falls lawyer, took the unpopular case of 30 German Americans who were prosecuted for signing a petition against the draft. Kirby took the case to the U.S. Supreme Court and won a technical victory for his clients that would help to form the basis of modern free-speech doctrine.

Finally, Matthew Alan Gaumer (GOW-mer) offers “The Catholic ‘Apostle of the Sioux’: Martin Marty and the Beginnings of the Church in Dakota Territory.” Gaumer follows the path of Marty, a Benedictine priest who left his native Switzerland in 1860 to assist a fledgling abbey in Indiana. Later, when no one else would step forward to organize Catholic missions among the Standing Rock Sioux, Marty seized the opportunity. He remained in Dakota for nearly a quarter century, rising to the position of bishop. This issue’s “Dakota Images” feature follows up Gaumer’s article with a biographical sketch of Thomas O’Gorman, who took over the diocese of Sioux Falls where Marty left off.

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